



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2854

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For: EXHAUST SYSTEM OF IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 15, 2007 Office Action and July 30, 2007 personal interview, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-25 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiners Marini and Yan in the July 30, 2007 personal interview. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,887,226 to Taki. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Taki fails to disclose a power source circuit board that is disposed adjacent a first exhaust outlet, as recited in independent claim 15.

The Office Action alleges that the low voltage power source circuit board 80 and the main circuit board 81 of Taki correspond to the power source circuit board, as recited in